"How to get your tongue ready to train up your children". God warns us there is a danger of wasting the strength in our tongues. (James 1:26)

God has given us some great exercises to strengthen our tongues. Here are 12 of them, based on <u>James chapter 1</u>.

- 1. <u>Tell your tongue to be Joyful</u>. Say, "Praise the Lord! He's still working on me" (vs. 2, 12).
- <u>Tell your tongue to speak Patiently</u>.
 Say, "My goal is to give them all they need for their maturity" (vs. 3,4).
- 3. <u>Tell your tongue to pray for Wisdom</u>. Say, "I need wisdom" (vs.5).
- 4. <u>Remind your tongue to ask in Faith</u>.
 Say, "I trust God. He is working all things together for good" (READ <u>Romans 8:28</u>). "I trust God to give me the wisdom I need for this experience" (vs. 6-8).
- 5. <u>Remind your tongue to ask in Hope</u>. Say, "God promises that there are better things to come" (vs. 9-11).
- 6. <u>Tell your tongue to Rejoice and Pray for Endurance</u>.
 - Say, "With God's help I'm not giving up" (vs. 12).
- 7. <u>Tell your tongue to be Thankful</u>. Say, "Thank you God for giving me rewards" (vs. 12).
- 8. Tell your tongue to be Loving. Say, "I love you Heavenly Father" (vs. 12).
- <u>Tell your tongue to Stop Complaining</u>. Say "Everything God does is good. I'm the sinner" (vs. 13-15). Complaining is Casting your care on others.

<u>(1 Pet 5:7-8)</u>

(<u>1 Pet 5:8</u>) "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"

- 10. Tell your tongue not to be Deceived. Say, "I can count on God to be good to me" (vs 16-18)
- 11. <u>Tell your tongue to be Quiet</u>. Say, "Be slow to speak, so that my ears will be able to be swift to hear, and so that I will be slow to wrath" (vs. 19-20).

12. Tell your tongue that you want it to Speak Clean Words.

Say, "I will use soap on you if necessary.

I want my tongue to be clean, b/c I'm getting ready to use it to speak the Word of God" (vs. 21). It is also good to RECITE (<u>1 John 1:6-9</u>). Say "Thank you God for forgiving me."

 <u>Tell your tongue to Change Gears</u>. Say, "Now let's practice what you preach. It's time for my feet to exercise" (vs. 21-27).

APPLICATION:

Edify~Build up ~ Strengthen with my Tongue: (Eph 4:29)

Comfort with my Tongue: (1 Thes 5:11)

Teach & Correct Error with my Tongue: (Col 3:16-17)

Remember this, God wants to give them something that is pure, and you want to keep it that way (vs. 27).